

In response to NPRM 05-235, I personally feel that the commission should drop the Morse requirement entirely. However, retaining at minimum, the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for the Amateur Extra class license would be acceptable.

I believe that by eliminating the Morse code requirement for license classes up through General that it will increase the interest in the amateur radio service, but I also think that keeping the some Morse there for those who desire to use it could be of benefit and the Extra class would be the place for it.

This would give an incentive to those who would like the additional operating privileges in the HF spectrum, while continuing to foster at least a group of operators who can communicate via Morse code.

You would have the best of both worlds.

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